THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

Fraudulent use of a driver's license, ID card or other identification materials:

- It is illegal to use another's ID as one's own.
- It is illegal to possess or sell an ID for the purpose of establishing false identification.
- It is illegal to make or alter an ID.
- Persons who possess, use or distribute false forms of ID are charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. (Code of Virginia 18.2-204.1, 204.2)

Underage purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages:

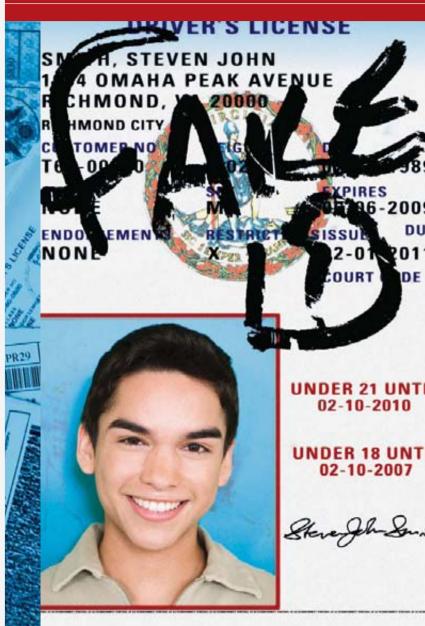
- It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess any alcoholic beverage.
- No one under 21 may use an altered or fake ID such as a driver's license, birth certificate or student identification card to establish a false identification or false age to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- Violators shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, can lose their driver's license for up to one year and face a minimum fine of \$500 or a mandatory minimum of 50 hours of community service and a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. (Code of Virginia 4.1-305)

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THE TRUTH ABOUT USING FALSE IDENTIFICATION TO BUY ALCOHOL



IT MAY SEEM TEMPTING TO HAVE A FAKE ID UNTIL YOU GET CAUGHT WITH IT. . . .

A FAKE ID IS ANY DOCUMENT THAT ESTABLISHES A FALSE IDENTITY.

- Fake IDs are illegal to possess, manufacture, sell or use.
- Penalties could result in paying a fine or even going to jail.
- A conviction for possessing or using a fake IDs could appear on your permanent criminal record; impact college or graduate admission; and limit job opportunities.
- The penalties are just as severe for loaning your ID to another person as for using a fake ID.
- It is illegal to assist another person to obtain a fake ID.
- Virginia ABC trains alcohol sellers and servers to recognize fake IDs not only from Virginia but from other states as well.
- In 2009, Virginia began issuing newly designed driver's licenses and ID cards made of laserengraved polycarbonate, with enhanced security features to prevent identity theft, falsification and underage purchase of alcohol.

DON'T TRY TO BE SOMEONE ELSE.

JUST BE YOURSELF.

TWENTY-ONE IS THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE OR DRINK ALCOHOL.

- All states and the District of Columbia now have laws stating age 21 is the minimum age to purchase or drink alcohol.
- Underage possession of alcohol means you could lose your driver's license for up to a year.
- As part of Virginia's Zero Tolerance law, drivers under 21 caught under the influence of ANY amount of alcohol face serious penalties.
- Promote Virginia's Zero Tolerance policy for underage consumption and possession. Report ABC violations anonymously at www.abc.virginia.gov or call (800) 552-3200.

Please contact Virginia ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement at (804) 213-4565 with questions about fake IDs or underage possession and consumption of alcohol.



Background: Altered and false IDs confiscated by restaurant sellers and servers and Virginia ABC special agents.